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For: COMPOSITE PARTICLES, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND PIGMENT, PAINT AND  
RESIN COMPOSITION USING THE SAME

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the following amended claim 53 for corresponding claim 53 previously  
presented. A copy of the amended claim 53 showing current revisions is attached.

53. (Amended) A pigment comprising the composite particles defined in claim 1.

**REMARKS**

Claim 53 is amended to delete the multiple dependencies.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current  
amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes  
Made.**"